

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A powdery, water-soluble, cationic polymer composition comprising at least a first and a second cationic polymer, ~~wherein the first cationic polymer and second cationic polymer differ in molecular weight, wherein the first cationic polymer has a weight-average molecular weight higher than 1 million g/mol and the second cationic polymer has a weight-average molecular weight lower than 1 million g/mol, wherein the first cationic polymer is formed by radical polymerization of its monomer constituents in the presence of the second cationic polymer in aqueous solution, wherein the first and second cationic polymers comprise corresponding structural units, wherein the first or the second cationic polymer is produced by copolymerization with further water-soluble monomers, wherein the first and the second cationic polymer are formed using cationic monomers selected from the group consisting of cationized esters of (meth)acrylic acid and cationized amides of (meth)acrylic acid, in each case comprising a quaternized N atom, wherein the first cationic polymer has a lower cationic charge density than the second cationic polymer, wherein the first cationic polymer comprises 20 to 90 weight percent of cationic monomers, wherein the second cationic polymer comprises 70 to 100 weight percent of cationic monomers,~~ wherein the polymerization of the first cationic polymer takes place in an aqueous solution of the second cationic polymer according to the method of adiabatic gel polymerization, and wherein the weight ratio of the second to the first cationic polymer is from 0.01:10 to 1:3.

2-8 (canceled)

9 -17 (withdrawn)

18-20 (canceled)